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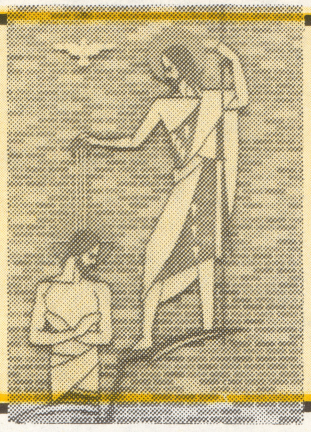
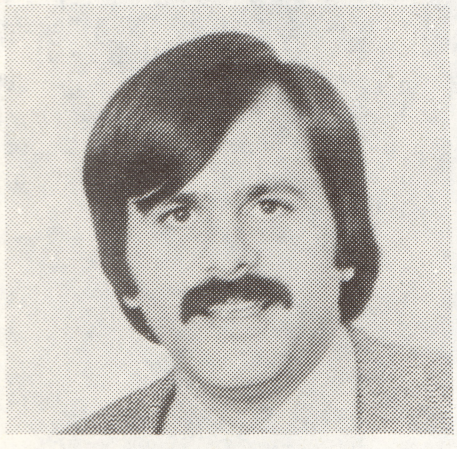
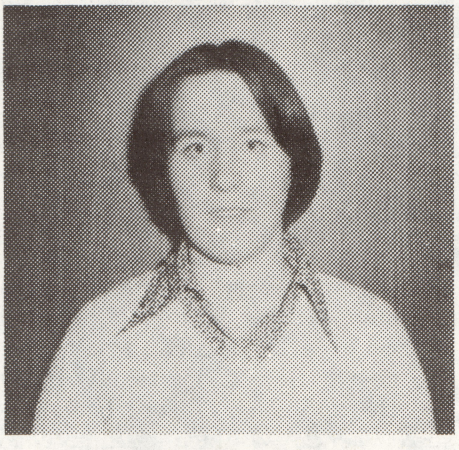


D.S.A.- '78 Kick-Off April 15-16

Parish Leadership Named



Mr. Anthony S. Vespoli



Mrs. Brian (Deborah) Lindsley

Two willing and eager parishioners have assumed responsibility for the conduct of the annual Diocesan Services Appeal here at St. John's. Tony Vespoli, a sales representative, and Debbie Lindsley, an accountant, will serve as DSA chairpersons. Both Tony and Debbie attended the regional DSA meeting along with Fr. Harvey and Fr. Doepker, held during the Lenten season in Saline.

Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) calls all 91 parishes, missions and chapels of the Diocese of Lansing to respond together to Diocesan-wide needs and services and apostolates which no single parish could fulfill. In the next couple of weeks, you will be reading about the ministries and Christian service rendered, through DSA funds, to thousands of persons throughout the Diocese of Lansing and in our own local area.

DSA '78 is a Call to Care - a request the Lord himself makes to each of us who wishes to be counted as a follower.

The goal assigned to our parish for DSA '78 is $15,656.00.

Each parishioner is called to care. If together we care enough, the goal will be easily reached. Our DSA history proves it!

Anthony C. White

In The Peace Of Christ

A longtime parishioner of St. John's was buried this past week. Anthony C. White, age 88, died on Good Friday afternoon at his residence, 420 N. Hamilton St. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Easter Tuesday, March 28, 1978. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery.

Mr. White is survived by his wife, Olive, to whom he was married for 65 years. Five sons, Theodore, Charles, Frederick, William and Donald survive, along with five daughters, Mrs. Harold (Virginia) Gooding, Mrs. James (Mildred) McCormick, Mrs. Kenneth (June) Welch, Mrs. Charles (Dorothy) Rice and Mrs. Bonnie Jean Turner. 33 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild survive as descendants.

We pray that the fullness of risen life promised by Jesus Christ be his everlasting gift!

First Communicants

The following First Communicants have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

On Sunday, March 5, 1978, Kevin Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurley.

On Saturday, March 11, 1978, Scott House, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald House; and Kimberly Layne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Layne.

On Sunday, March 12, 1978, Joseph Saborio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Saborio.

On Saturday, March 18, 1978, Shannon Hamel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamel; and Mark Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson.

On Sunday, March 19, 1978, Katherine Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard.

On Sunday, March 26, 1978, Kevin Fisk, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Fisk; and Joseph Pinsoneault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pinsoneault.

May the Bread of Life bring you everlasting life!

Welcome, Converts!

Thirteen adult converts celebrated their initiation into the Catholic Church during the Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy last Saturday evening. Those who had never been baptized received the Sacrament of rebirth through water and the Holy Spirit. The men and women who are baptized Christians solemnly made their profession of faith in the Catholic Church. All candidates were then Confirmed and celebrated with us their First Eucharist. Two younger persons received the First Sacrament of Christian Initiation as they were baptized:

From L to R: (first row) Douglas Bunge (Martha Friday, sponsor), Chad E. Conant (Joseph and Darlyne Goldasich, godparents), Ruth E. Wood (Leo Hogan and Rita Weaks, godparents), Patti Jo Glasgow (Peter Glasgow, sponsor), Violet Estwick (Edward and Patricia Smith, sponsors), Mary Bellard (Mary Binieck, sponsor). (Second row) Constance James (Lillian Montgomery, sponsor), Lorraine Schoonover (Elmo Schoonover, sponsor), Bernard Wilson (Veronica Wilson, sponsor), Sharon Goldasich (Darlene Schaft, sponsor), Virginia Warner, (Stephanie Thomas and Janet Holtz, sponsors), Frank Reaume (Thomas Hines, sponsor), Carlos Schoonover (Daniel Miekstyn, sponsor), Bambi Postle (William Postle, sponsor). Absent from picture: Linda Wallace, (Anna Mae LaFromboise, sponsor). (Jeffrey Hall, a candidate for reception will be received at a later date when his honeymoon vacation is completed.)

May the light of Christ, risen in glory, dispel the hearts and minds and keep faithful those joined to Him through one faith, one baptism, and One Bread!

Dinner For Parishioners & Guests

When: Sunday, April 16th
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Parish Hall
Menu: Chicken & Biscuits, Salad, vegetable, relish tray, beverage, pineapple upside down cake
Chefs: Leo & Mae Hayes
Price:
Adults - $4.00
Senior Citizens - $3.00
Children - $2.00
Make Reservations Early

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on Sunday, April 2nd & 9th at the vestibule in the back of the church.

Or Contact:
Rita Sprague ..... 483-3600 home
764-3194 work
Natalie Bowyer ..... 482-4742 home
487-3333 work
Secy. at the
Rectory 483-3360

Special Area Bingo Games

Holy Trinity Chapel

The Chapel Boosters are holding a special benefit bingo for Holy Trinity Chapel on Sunday, April 16 at St. Alexis Hall, 1725 E. Forest, Ypsilanti.

Area Religious Education

A benefit Bingo will be held **Sunday, April 23rd.** at St. Alexis Hall, 1725 E. Forest. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. **Silver Dollar Bingo** begins at 7:00 p.m. Guaranteed Jackpot with $2,000 giveaway.

All proceeds benefit the Area Religious Education Program. Please support this very important project. **Editor's Note:** Any floor workers from St. John Bingo games who would be willing to help with the Area High School Project Bingo should call Mrs. Frances Brauer to offer their services. Experienced callers are also needed who are used to calling with a timer. This is an important project to benefit our high school students, so please consider this an important event and set aside time to offer your services.

St. John Bingo

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Our Bingo is held weekly in our own parish hall and many parishioners have not attended thus far. Why not make it a special project to come some Wednesday evening and try your hand at a fun game which gives away at least $1,500 weekly. Jackpot is worth $500.00 weekly with the right amount of numbers and there are many other features that make our game the best in town. Besides the possibility of winning, you are helping to defray amount on our parish debt which is the sole reason for Bingo here at this time. We hope to see you one of these weeks.

Sing!
Out With
Joyful
Voice
HE
Is
Risen

*INDICATES WEEKLY SERVICE

APRIL, 1978

ST. JOHN, YPSILANTI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 *Babysitting 9:00 & 11:00 AM --- *COFFEE & DONUTS after 9 and 11 --- PRE-SCHOOL RESUMES	3 Council Agenda 7:30 - Rectory	4 Christmas Baz. meeting 7:30PM SPRED - 7:30PM --- Liturgy Plan. 7:30PM-Rectory	5 BINGO - 6:30PM	6	7 Baptism-Session2 7:30 PM Activity Center	8
9 9:00 AM - Grade 3 Children's Liturgy --- 12:30 - Baptisms	10 ..... Parish Council meets 8:00 PM Activity Center NO HIGH SCHOOL,	11 ..SPRING..... SPRED - 7:30PM --- Liturgy Plan. 7:30PM-Rectory JR. HIGH OR GRADE	12 ...BREAK..... BINGO - 6:30PM --- CHOIR - 7:30PM SCHOOL CLASSES.	13 Usher's Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15
16 DSA KICK-OFF in Parish --- PARISH DINNER 2:00 to 4:00 PM Chicken & Buscuits	17 Volunteers need- ed to help move sand from church CLASSES RESUME	18 SPRED - 7:30PM --- NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING --- Liturgy Plan. THIS WEEK.....	19 BINGO - 6:30PM --- CHOIR - 7:30PM --- NCCW CONVENTION	20 N LANSING.....	21	22
23 Parish DSA SOLICITATION Ar. Ed. Bingo 7:00PM-St. Alex. 30 St. Vincent de Paul Breakfast and Foods/Donations Day for the poor.	24 Education and Worship Comm's meet 7:30 PM --- Service Comm. meets 8:00PM	25 SPRED -7:30 --- Liturgy Plan. 7:30PM-Rectory	26 BINGO - 6:30PM --- CHOIR - 7:30PM --- Administration Meeting - 8:00PM	27	28	29 THANK YOU dinner for Catechists 5:00 PM Liturgy

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

March 13, 1978

Present: Fr. Harvey, Fr. Doepker, Sr. Carol, Sr. Marilyn, Tony Comazzi, Lynn Comazzi, Natalie Bowyer, John Dawson, Jean Eberts, Frank Greiner, Dick Ouelette, Viola Smith, Eileen Tardiff, Mary Ann Tice

Guests: Judy Buck

I. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Dick Ouelette at 8:03 p.m. Fr. Doepker led us in prayer.

II. Minutes of February meeting were read and approved.

III. Commission Reports:

A. Administration - Tony Comazzi

1. Financial report read and approved
2. Property disposal - nothing positive as yet
3. Needham Hall has been boarded. Engineers have not yet been contacted, regarding alternative use of Hall.

B. Education - Lynn Comazzi reported in the absence of Martha Wideman

1. Gave a report on an optional Religious Ed. Program for high school students
2. SPRED program has begun with 6 teen-agers in attendance. Representatives for Youth Congress were chosen from 9 volunteers. Date of the Congress is April 7-9. (Reps. are Pat Wideman, Rene Ouelette, Alice Montie, and Kevin Campbell. Adult Rep. is Mark Pauze.)
3. Area Board Report - Area Ed evaluation rated "good."

C. Parish Activity

Natalie Bowyer sat in for Rita Sprague. No report but presented check for $5,000 from BINGO proceeds to Fr. Harvey.

D. Service - Eileen Tardiff

1. NCCW ladies went to Vets' Hospital February 25th.
2. St. Vincent de Paul made $50 on Tupperware show on February 26th.
3. Coordinators and Facilitator of Service Commission met to discuss having a Board next year.
4. Sr. Carol looking into After-Care homes in Ypsi Area in conjunction with Ministerial Association.
5. Sr. Citizens going to Weber Center in Adrian on April 4.

E. Worship - Sr. Marilyn sat in for Bob Helm.

Described the upcoming special Lenten Services and Seder Meal. Also mentioned work of banner committee in making several new banners for Lent. Beautiful cover for Lectionary has been made and is in use. Another being completed for Easter.

IV. Old Business:

A. Parish Directory - Viola Smith. About 400 positive responses. Pictures now being taken.

B. Zoning - Frank Greiner. The first zoning meeting with Zone Leaders was reasonably well attended. Another meeting will be held tentatively in May. A letter and Zoning map will be sent to Zone Leaders. Each leader will get a listing of their area.

C. Tony mentions that the clerestory windows at the top of the church have been covered with a protective lexan. That project now completed.

D. John Dawson again brought up congestion over parking during some Masses. Discussion followed in which it was agreed that some parishioners are not parking in accordance with instructions twice published in the "Ypsi Catholic" thereby fouling it up for others. John also mentioned the temporary difficulties for handicapped parking due to the weather. This should be resolved when snow and ice is gone.

V. Questions from floor - none

VI. New Business:

Council Election - Dick Ouelette, Frank Greiner, and Viola Smith will make up Nominating Committee to get new Council Members for next year. The Activities Commission will be responsible for the election itself.

VII. Announcements:

Agenda Meeting will be April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in Rectory

Council Meeting will be April 10th at 8:00 p.m.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Hines, Secretary

Parish Involvements

•Christmas in April!

On Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a planning meeting in the church basement for the annual Christmas Bazaar. Whether you've signed the Time and Talent survey, or not to help the bazaar, we'd like to have you attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to help, please give Mary Wheeler, 434-3159 or Myra Walters, 434-0102 a call.

•Men from St. John Parish

... are invited to a relaxing and growing experience on a Manresa Retreat the weekend of April 7, 8, 9. It is a time to get acquainted with yourself in the sounds of silence at Manresa that can speak more eloquently than anything you have ever heard. Interested? Call: Pete Parin at 483-1304, Dick Wagner at 482-8886, Dave Wheeler at 434-3159.

•Problem Pregnancy

Training session starting for new volunteer problem pregnancy help Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church, Ann Arbor. Here's your opportunity to make a real commitment to humanity. Sessions twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks. Over 18, please. Questions call Ginny Walton, 483-0560.

•Attention Ushers

There will be a meeting of all ushers on Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory basement.

•Flea Market

Plans are under way for the 5th Annual Flea Market to be held at St. John's in May. This is a good time to begin looking through your non-used items at home and make plans to pack them up to be used by the St. Vincent de Paul group. All revenue will be used for the poor of our area.

Last year a sum of $1,087.00 was cleared due to so much giving and participation on the work days. Hopefully, we will match and exceed this amount for this year.

•Paper Drive

... to be held at Parkview Convalescent Home on Prospect on April 8th, 9th. Please bring papers there.

Meditative-Intercessory Prayer

Praised be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He who in His great mercy gave us new birth, a birth unto hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance incapable of fading or defilement which is kept in heaven for us who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days. Our journey from death to a new birth continues. We do not think of ourselves as having reached the finish line. We give no thought to what lies behind, but press on to what is ahead. Our entire attention is on the finish line as we all run toward the prize to which God calls us - Life on high in Christ Jesus. O my God, during these past weeks we have heard much; we have learned much; we have seen much. We have seen your son, Jesus glorified. There is no reason that there be passive spectators in our church. Teach us to share responsibility so that all may be willing to use our gifts and talents for others to build up the body of Christ in our church. We pray for new directions and new structures. But these will come in due time if we first renew our faith, our commitment, our efforts to work and worship together, to serve one another in making our church more vital, more responsive to Christ and His gospel.

Lord, we pray for:

Fr. Decker's father and Magdalen Blum ... may they rest in peace,

Kevin and Lisa ... may they be sustained in their new life through Baptism,

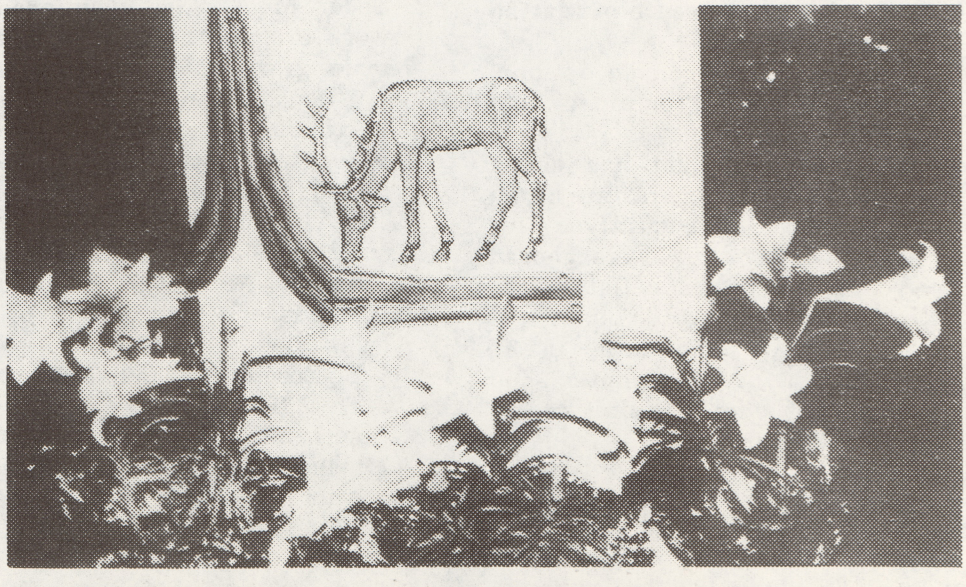
the First Penitents ... may the spirit of forgiveness continuously work in them,

Problem Pregnancy ... may they have many new trainees who are willing to sacrifice,

Parish Directory workers ... may they be blessed for giving of their time.

Lord, we pray for faith. We pray for peace in our lives. Breathe your Holy Spirit upon all of us. And may your grace and peace be on all of us now and forever.

Praise Jesus,
David



Lord, you will show us the path to life, Fullness of joys in your presence. Alleluia! *Psalm 16*

Area Invitations

•Innterfaith Council For Peace Clergy and Laity Concerned
Ann Arbor Area
604 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(313) 663-1870

William Sloane Coffin, Jr. former Yale University chaplain and now senior minister at the Riverside Church, New York, will kick off a series of local disarmament and hunger projects with a **"Provocation and Dedication"** at the First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, Sunday, April 2, 8 p.m. Interfaith Council for Peace will sponsor a vegetarian potluck and Peace fair preceding the talk (starting at 6 p.m.) and reception with Rev. Coffin after his address. For information call the ICP office (663-1870). Child care will be provided.

•Feel Like A Million!

It's not too early to plan on attending the annual Millionaire's Party at St. Patrick's of Northfield. The date is Saturday, April 8th, from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight.

Those who've attended the past Millionaire's Parties at St. Patrick's wouldn't miss this annual event. It's a night of games, prizes and marvelous fun, with bountiful refreshments. The Party will be held in our new, spacious and beautiful Parish Center.

Advance tickets are $4.00 (they're $5.00 at the door). Call the rectory at 664-1851 to reserve yours.

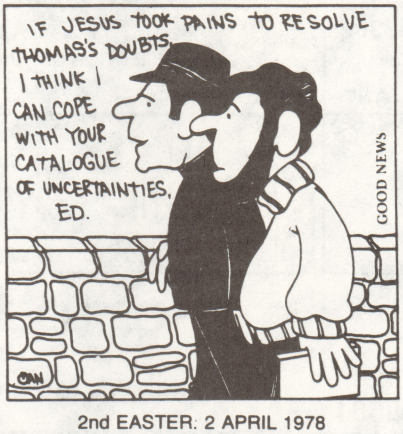
•Building Fund Party

"Immaculate Conception Parish, 420 North St., Milan is sponsoring a **Millionaire's Party** on Saturday, April 22 from 7:30 till Midnight. There will be many valuable prizes. Admission is $5.00 and this includes $1,000.00 in playing chips free beer and snacks. Proceeds from this party will be used toward the building fund for our new Parish Family Center."

Liturgical Commission

Diocese of Lansing
505 N. Capitol Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933

A weekend workshop on **Biblical Theology,** sponsored by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, is being offered at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing on April 7, 8, 1978. This workshop will be helpful to parish musicians, members of Parish Liturgy Committees and Spiritual Development Committees, lectors and commentators, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and anyone who would like to strengthen his/her background in Scripture. Fee: $35.00. For further information, contact: Liturgical Commission, Diocese of Lansing, 505 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933. Phone: 517/371-5518.



2nd EASTER: 2 APRIL 1978
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Pulpit Parish Bulletin ANNOUNCEMENT

Available in our reading racks

Catholic Digest's April issue will include: **Voodo** - The Church's biggest problem in Haiti - **How Does Your Doctor Decide How Much to Charge You? - Father Ryan discusses attacks on Catholicism How to Keep our Children Catholic - Diary of a Heart Attack - The Rise and Fall of the Garage Sale**

Commonweal's two April issues contain a wealth of pertinent comment on questions of the day: outspoken editorials, reports from Washington; the views of stimulating columnists and timely feature articles.

In St. Anthony Messengeris April issue, experts discuss what the growing Communist influence in Italy means; a psychologist suggests how parents can ease the pain when grown children move out and establish lives of their own; a homemaker and writer offers a boost to housewives whose self-esteem may be sagging; a photo story spotlights a portable theater company which proclaims the Good News in mime and drama.

Registration Address Changes

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Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from parish

New Address will be:_____

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Mass Schedule

Monday, April 3 - Annunciation of the Lord
7:00 a.m. The Miller Family, req. by Mary Bryles
2:30 p.m. No Mass at Parkview
Tuesday, April 4 - Weekday/St. Isidore, bishop-doctor
7:00 a.m. Frank Panel (28th Anniv.) Mrs. Frank Panek
Wednesday, April 5 - Weekday/St. Vincent Ferrer, priest
7:00 a.m. Catherine Dignan, req. by Mrs. Frank Blaha
Thursday, April 6 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Max Seeger (3rd Anniv.), req. by Adelaide & Marie Seeger
First Friday, April 7 - St. John Baptist de La Salle, priest
7:00 a.m. Thomas C. Bracco (2nd Anniv.), req. by Theresa & Norman Shures
Saturday, April 8 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. John Mongiat, req. by Friends in Ashley, Ohio
5:00 p.m. Mary Stein, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Newton
Sunday, April 9 - Third Sunday of Easter
7:00 a.m. James E. Loy, req. by Mrs. Michael Millinger
9:00 a.m. Glen Wales, req. by The Gillmans
11:00 a.m. Wayne Dwyer, req. by Grace Noon
12:30 p.m. Intention of Parishioners

Wedding Banns

II - David J. Lochner & Marilyn L. Milley
II - John Weins & Carolyn Cornish

Financial Barometer March 26, 1978

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SUNDAY MASSES:

[OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL]

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-10:00-11:30
10:45 a.m. (Hall)

[JUNE-JULY-AUGUST]

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. (Hall); 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. (Church); 8:30-10:00-11:30 a.m. (Hall)

[MAY & SEPTEMBER - All Masses in Church]

Saturday: 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-10:00-11:30 a.m.

HOLYDAY MASSES:

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

8:00 a.m. (Thursday, 7:00 p.m.)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 5:00-5:25 p.m.; 15 minutes before each Sunday Mass; anytime upon request.

BAPTISMS:

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please call Rectory to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES:

Please make arrangements two months in advance.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday, 4:00.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

If you live in the area, please let us have your name and address. Call the Parish Office to register.

ALTAR SOCIETY: President Martha Nichols 467-7291
(Altar Society meets at 7:30 p.m., in the Hall on Egan Hwy. every 3rd Monday of the month.)

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592-2287

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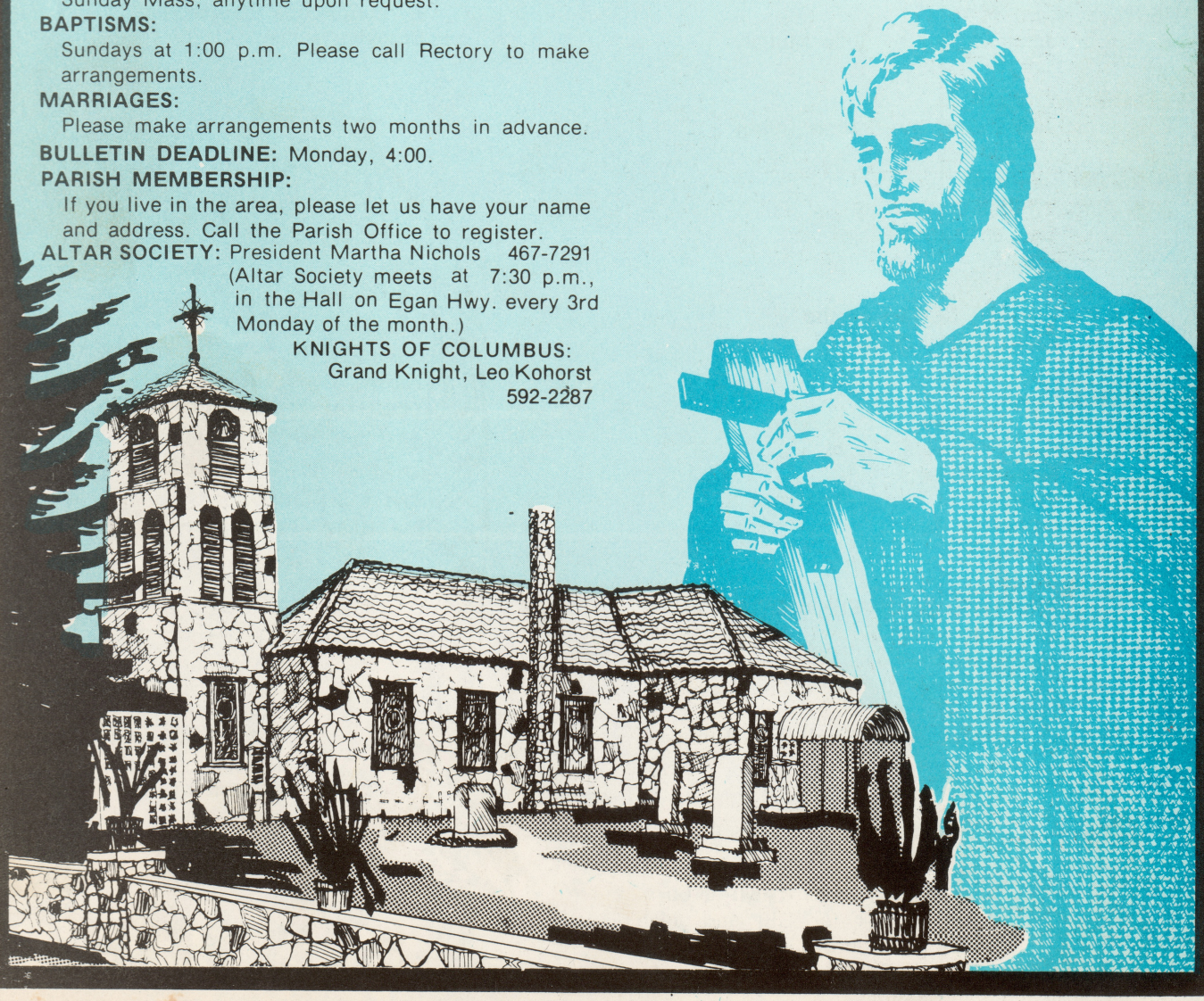

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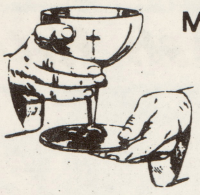


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THIS SATURDAY, April 8
5:30 p.m. Mrs. Flowers by
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent McClellan
7:30 p.m. Wedding of Robert James Reoch & Kathy Sue Poole

SUNDAY, April 9 - Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. John Mullaly by Julia Horvat
10:00 a.m. Bernard Linenfelser by
Phoebe Linenfelser
11:00 a.m. (Hall) For the Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph's

MONDAY, April 10
8:00 a.m. Naoma Horn by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kirk

TUESDAY, April 11
8:00 a.m. John Mullaly by Julia Mullaly

WEDNESDAY, April 12
8:00 a.m. Jack Talbot by Pauline Talbot

THURSDAY, April 13
7:00 p.m. William Forgach by
Carl & Mary Missler

FRIDAY, April 14
8:00 a.m. Florence DeHart by the
Allen Good Family

SATURDAY, April 15
8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. Russell Sweets, Jr. by
Beverly Sweets
7:00 p.m. Wedding of Linton Prieskorn & Catherine Ruoff

SUNDAY, April 16
8:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph's
10:00 a.m. John Berkowski by
Sophie Berkowski
11:00 a.m. (Hall) Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Murriel Yager by
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Starling & Tania

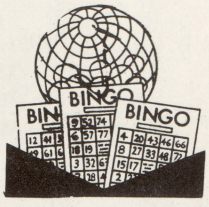
Our **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week for Bill and Jean Kroger & Family, and for Don and Pat Dauphin & Family.

TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND AND EUROPE

Father Martin Schoenberg, Chaplain at the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse, is planning an 18-day Bible Lands Pilgrimage Tour to Italy, Greece and the Holy Land.

The tour leaves May 8th and returns on May 25th.

If you are interested in further information please contact the Rectory.



THURSDAYS
Irish Hills Eagles at St. Joseph's Hall
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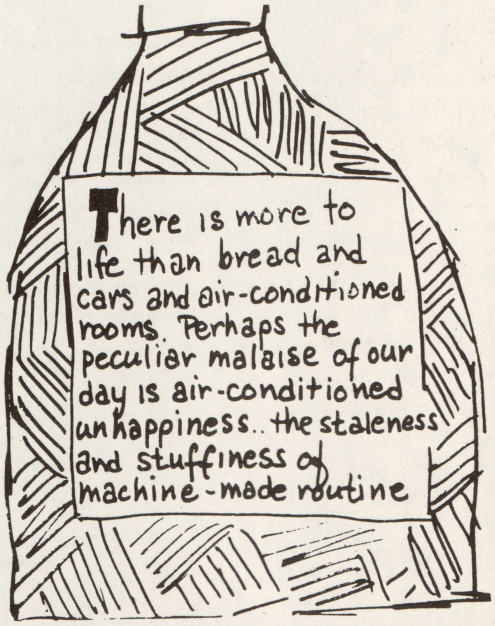

Our GIFT SHOP on the grounds is now open.

We have gifts for all occasions. Stop in and see our new selections.

Happy spring

FEELING DEPRESSED?

Don't feel too bad about it. Depression is like Michigan weather. It comes and goes.

According to the top authorities in the field of mental health, a person who cannot suffer and never becomes depressed lacks some vital dimensions in his personality.

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NEWCOMERS

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JUST A REMINDER

Many of our Eucharistic ministers have mentioned that when people come up to receive the Eucharist, they are not giving any indication which way they wish to receive. If you choose to take communion in the hand, we remind you to place your hands one in the other, palms up, and raise them, so that the person distributing the Eucharist will know that you want to receive in the hand. If everyone cooperates in this matter, our reception of the Eucharist will be just a bit more reverent...

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Someone once wrote, "Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow; don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend".

This is what Christ does in today's gospel. He is neither in front of his friends nor behind them but rather walking beside them, ready even to sit next to them at supper.

Why do we have birthday parties, anniversary dinners, wedding banquets, graduation parties? Why do humans choose to celebrate major turning points in their lives with a meal?

What is there about eating together on that day which celebrates, strengthens love and recommits it to the challenges and the opportunities that still remain? What is there about a common meal that is so rich in meaning?

Eating is essential for life; it keeps us alive. So, too, is love essential for life. Love is to the soul what food is to the body. In an intimate meal between friends and lovers, body and soul combine; the body feeds on meat and drink, the soul on love.

In the relaxed, affectionate, intimate atmosphere that, at least in its best moments, the family meal provides, our love deepens, grows, becomes rich and powerful, and gives new direction and purpose to our lives.

The intimate meal then symbolizes loving communion, celebrates it, confirms it. Jesus and his followers had many such meals in the course of their life together, meals that strengthened and deepened the bonds of affection and friendship which held them together--relaxed, informal, casual meals in which they came to know one another and, of course, came to know Him.

The Eucharist at the Last Supper was only the last of these meals they had together. Because it was the last, it took on special significance and became a sacrament. One could say that each Mass is a wedding anniversary meal celebrating the marriage union between Jesus and His church. It strengthens the vitality of our union with Jesus and with one another.

It is esssential for us to remember that the Mass and Holy Communion were meant to be an intimate meal among friends, like the Last Supper, like the breaking of bread between Jesus and his disciples at Emmaus. We must always try to understand that we are most especially a church, most especially a community of friends and lovers, when we have come together to sit around the banquet table of the Lord.

As we know, the reason for communion in the hands, begun in this country last winter, was to emphasize that Holy Communion is a meal we eat with friends. Each time we receive the body of the Lord in our hands, we should try to think of this gospel and realize that we are together in church as friends.

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